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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN & TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

# TOWN OF GILSUM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1876.



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# FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the town of Gilsum, for  
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## APPROPRIATIONS, MARCH, 1875.

For town charges and debts of town,	\$2000 00
Highway tax, in money,	400 00
For support of schools,	800 00
Total valuation of town April, 1875, including polls,	235,728 00

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## AMOUNT OF MONEY TAX ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$732 00
County tax,	439 00
Town charges and debts of town,	2,000 00
Highway tax, in money,	400 00
For schools,	800 00
Percentage,	109 55
Rate of taxation \$1.90 on one hundred dollars.	

School-house tax in Dist. No 2, with percentage added	\$270 58
School-house tax in Dist. No. 6, with percentage added,	15 36
School-house tax in Dist. No. 7, with percentage added,	183 56
Tax on 51 dogs,	57 00
Amount committed to collector including non-resident highway tax,	5,047 77
Highway tax to be paid in labor,	600 00
Whole amount of school money, including Literary Fund and interest on school fund,	869 94

## AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY APPROPRIATED TO EACH DISTRICT.

District, No. 1,	\$125	22
"    " 2,	194	43
"    " 3,	105	55
"    " 4,	105	86
"    " 5,	109	27
"    " 6,	100	34
"    " 7,	129	27
Value of real estate April, 1875,	155,887	00
Value of real estate as appraised Sept. 1875,	165,865	00
Increase,	9,978	00

## ORDERS ISSUED.

## ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Paid Calvin Chandler, for going with hearse,	\$ 8 00
" Geo. H. Carpenter, for services as Selectman 1874,	36 00
" Josiah Guillow,       "       "       "       "       "	25 75
" Willard Bill, for services as Selectman part of 1874,	24 00
" Daniel Smith,       "       "     Auditor       "       "	1 00
" F. A. Howard,       "       "       "       "       "	1 00

Paid Geo. H. McCoy, for services as Clerk, 1874,	\$18 00
“ D. W. Bill, “ “ S. S. Committee, 1874,	8 00
“ D. W. Bill, for rolls of honor, &c.,	5 25
“ D. W. Bill, for services as Selectman part of 1874,	40 00
“ A. D. Hammond, “ Treasurer “	20 00
“ O. J. Wilson, “ S. S. Committee “	10 00
“ W. H. Spalter & Co., for tax books and stationery,	4 45
“ Julius N. Morse, for exemption blanks,	75
“ R. W. Musgrove, for appointment blanks,	38
“ Geo. C. Hubbard, for team to Keene to meet Co. Com.,	1 50
“ Wm. P. Wheeler, for counsel,	2 00
“ L. W. Wright, Co. Treasurer, county tax,	439 00
“ John A. Smith, for paying Trussel note,	1 70
“ Calvin Chandler, for use of Hall and going with hearse.	14 50
“ J. Q. Jones, for services as Surveyor,	6 00
“ Lewis Bridge, for supporting watering-trough three years,	9 00
“ W. H. Spalter & Co., mortgage records,	7 50
“ S. A. Carter, State treas., State tax,	732 00
“ Geo. C. Hubbard, for use of team in appraisal of real estate Sept. 1875, and work on road,	6 30
“ Geo. C. Hubbard, for use of team three times to meet Co. Commissioners,	4 50
“ Calvin Chandler, for going with Hearse,	6 50
“ S. W. Dart, for supporting watering-trough,	3 00
“ Geo. C. Hubbard, for carrying Rosie O. Guillow to County Alms-House,	4 00
“ Daniel Smith, for collecting taxes, 1875,	40 00
“ A. D. Hammond, for postage stamps for town,	1 12
“ G. H. Tilden & Co. for blanks,	51
“ Daniel Smith, collector non-resident highway receipts,	23 68
“ Daniel Smith, “ for abatement of taxes,	8 37
“ A. D. Hammond Treas., for over paid discount,	5 75

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\$1,519 51

## REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Daniel Smith, for repairing bridge,	75
" Milton Stearns, work on road,	\$10 78
" Geo. Wright, " " "	2 80
" Newman Bros. & Co., lumber and nails for road,	3 36
" Joseph Dupez, for shoveling snow on highway,	75
" C. L. Mansfield, for breaking roads,	3 15
" Edward Corey, work on road,	25
" Osman McCoy and others, for repairing scraper,	10 03
" Lewis Bridge, work on road,	1 20
" Wm. A. Wilder, " " "	6 60
" Benj. H. Britton, " " "	2 80
" Daniel Smith, " " "	143 24
" Alpheus Chapin, " " "	133 00
" Wm. A. Wilder, " " "	10 84
" Wm. A. Wilder, for lumber for road in 1873 and 1874,	5 04
" Wm. A. Wilder, for non-resident highway tax,	14 94
" Geo. B. Alexander, work on road,	1 50
" Delbert Nash, " " "	5 00
" Elmer D. Banks, " " " 1874,	5 50
" B. J. Mullens, repairing scraper,	1 90
" Geo. W. Mansfield, for working non-resident high- way tax 1874,	2 88
" Geo. W. Mansfield, for working on road 1874,	2 00
" G. D. Hayward for lumber and work on road,	7 69
" Milton Stearns, " " "	2 50
" Dart & Hammond, lumber for road,	1 03
" Lansing W. Wilder, work on road,	1 00
" D. W. Bill, " " "	9 90
" C. B. Hayward, " " "	9 00
" Geo. Wright, " " " 1874,	3 00
" N. O. Hayward & Son, for nails and bolts,	64
" Geo. D. Hayward, for lumber and work on Polley Bridge,	4 30

Paid Mason Guillow, for work and lumber for road,	5 05
" C. W. Bingham, work on road,	50
" Geo. W. Newman, work and lumber for road,	21 10
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	\$434 02

### SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Jesse Dart, school-house tax Dist. No. 2, 1874,	\$2 13
" Geo. N. Hayward, Prudential Committee, school money for Dist. No. 2,	194 43
" Geo. D. Hayward, Prudential Committee, school money for Dist. No. 6,	100 34
" Geo. D. Hayward, school house tax, District No. 6,	14 00
" Solomon Howard, Prudential Committee, school money for Dist. No. 5,	109 27
" Geo. Wright, Prudential Committee, school money for Dist. No. 4,	105 86
" Solomon Mack, Prudential Committee, school money for Dist. No. 7,	129 27
" Geo. W. Mansfield, Prudential Committee, school money for Dist. No. 1,	125 22
" E. W. Gunn, Prudential Committee, school money Dist. No. 3,	105 55
" Geo. W. Newman, school house tax, Dist. No. 2,	197 00
" L. R. Guillow,       "       "       "       "       7,	171 00
" Geo. N. Hayward,       "       "       "       "       2,	59 24
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	\$1,313 31

## TOWN NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Olive M. Abbott, note and interest,	\$1221 40
" Caliste E. Stebbins, note and interest,	63 09
" Polly Phelps,         "         "	438 03
" Lucy B. Whittemore, "         "	82 04
" Julia A. Whittemore, "         "	102 67
" Abigail Robb,         "         "	132 98
" Olive A. Trussel, note and interest,	955 66
" Geo. W. Newman, Abigail Robb note,	400 00
"         "         "         "         "         "	363 62
" Fanny S. Hendee, note and interest,	364 93
" Leonard White,         "         "	194 65
" Fanny S. Hendee,         "         "	100 80
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	<b>\$4,419 87</b>

## SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

### Town Paupers.

Paid County Commissioners, for support of Otis Amidon	\$72 28
" James C. Isham, for boarding and clothing, Wm.	
W. Bolster, from March 1, to July 1, 1875,	43 21

### County Paupers.

Paid Albert Hubbard, for keeping transient person 1874,	\$1 00
" D. W. Bill, for keeping transient person 1874,	1 00
" Sylvester L. Nash, for keeping Lydia Nash, 1874,	20 00
" Sylvester L. Nash, for keeping Lydia Nash, 1874,	24 55
" Osman and Miranda McCoy, for keeping Peter Ferguson, 1874,	19 00

Paid A. D. Hammond, for going to Keene for Coffin for Lydia Nash,	\$4 00
" Wm. A. Wilder, for furniture destroyed at Mark Place,	6 25
" Jotham Bates, for digging grave for Lydia Nash,	1 50
" M. T. Tottingham, balance on coffins for Co. Paupers,	10 50
" Geo. H. McCoy, for team to look after Paupers,	1 25
" A. D. Hammond, Treas., expense on small-pox case more than allowed by County,	141 28
" A. D. Hammond, going to Keene for Coffin for Polly Corey,	3 00
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	\$348 82

RECEIPTS FOR 1875, COMMENCING  
MARCH 1.

Money in Treasury,	\$606 24
For State Bonds, including premium and interest,	416 00
For note against Willard Bill,	238 52
For note of S. D. Bill, part of School Fund,	107 39
Received of Jesse Dart, Collector for 1872,	306 25
"    "    "    "    1873,	279 00
"    "    "    "    1874,	482 35
"    "    "    "    interest on taxes,	69 72
Received money tax of Nelson Rice & Co., for the year 1870, and highway tax of same for the years 1870-71 and '72, also highway tax of Thomas Rice & Co., for the year 1870 amounting in all to,	428 09
Received of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	813 83
"    "    "    Literary Fund,	59 77
Received of County of Cheshire for support of Peter Fergerson and Lydia Nash,	65 55

Received of Daniel Smith, Collector for 1875,	4529 05
"      " Jesse Dart, Collector for 1873 and 1874,	7 00
"      " Daniel Smith, interest of taxes 1875,	11 82
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	\$8,420 58

## RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Orders issued for ordinary town charges,	\$1,519 51
"      " Repairs highways and bridges,	434 02
"      " Support of schools and school-house taxes,	1,313 31
Orders issued for support of town paupers,	115 49
"      " support of County paupers,	233 33
"      " Town notes and interest,	4,419 87
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	\$8,035 53
Receipts for 1875,	8,420 58
Expenditures for 1875,	8,035 53
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1876,	385 05
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	\$8,420 58

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN MARCH 1,  
1876,

Town note unpaid,	\$1,000 00
Interest on same to March 1, 1876,	48 00
Estimated amount due town officers for 1875,	300 00
Estimated amount due W. A. Wilder for use of pest house,	25 00
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	\$1,373 00

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## ASSETS.

Money in treasury March 1, 1876,	\$385 80
In hands of Collector for 1875,	388 27
Interest due on taxes from Nelson and Rice, and Thomas Rice & Co.,	96 72
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	\$870 79
Balance of indebtedness March 1, 1875,	2,425 34
"          "          "      1876,	502 21
Reduction of indebtedness the past year,	1,923 13
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

A. D. HAMMOND,  
 GEO. C. HUBBARD, } Selectmen of Gilsum.  
 GEO. D. HAYWARD,

A. D. HAMMOND, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned a committee appointed by the Town of Gilsum to examine and audit the accounts of the Selectmen, and Town Treasurer of said town, report that they have attended to that duty and believe said report to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN L. COLLINS, }  
 F. A. HOWARD, } *Auditors.*

Gilsum, March 1, 1876.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The interest manifested by the town in her common schools for the year past has been creditable. Never before could it be truly said that all our school-houses were *comfortable*. The different districts have raised by special tax, and expended in repairing and re-fitting their school-houses \$469.50, divided as follows: No. 2, \$270.58 No. 6, \$15.36, No. 7, \$183.56. This and amounts raised, by the same and other districts during the last few years, have brought our school-houses to their present fair condition.

The committee are of opinion that no better use could be made of a portion of the school money than in the purchase of a globe and a few outline maps for each district. We supply ourselves and workmen with improved implements to facilitate our labor, then why not supply our children with the best assistants to gain an education?

An error has gradually crept into our schools in the matter of text books. We have by far too great a variety of the same grade and kind, the evils of this are manifest in various ways, it prevents pupils being classified in such manner as to gain the advantage of a little friendly rivalry, it obliges the teacher to divide the time needed for one recitation, upon several. It causes needless trouble and expense to parents in getting books liable to be changed to suit the fancy of any teacher. We hope our successors knowing the evil in advance may take measures for its abolishment.

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The town at its last annual meeting voted to raise for support of schools,	\$800 00
To this was added Literary Fund,	54 00
Also interest on School Fund,	15 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$869 00</b>

The following table shows the amount to each District, &c.

District.	Number of different Scholars in the district attending during the year.	Total length of Schools in weeks during the year.	Amount of money to each District.	Amount of money to each Scholar.
No. 1,	21	17.3	125 22	5 96
No. 2,	44	22	194 43	4 42
No. 3,	10	21.9	105 55	10 55
No. 4,	19	16	105 86	5 57
No. 5,	21	16	109 27	5 20
No. 6,	8	18	100 34	12 54
No. 7,	22	18	129 27	5 87
	—	—		7 16
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## DISTRICT REPORT.

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### DISTRICT No. 1.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss L. Mahala Bill, of Gilsum, this being her 10th term in this district.

Good order and punctual attendence were well maintained, which made the term pleasant to the teacher, and profitable to the scholars, who appeared to highly appreciate the services of their teacher.

The Winter Term of 11 weeks was taught by Miss Luella M. Sawyer of Keene, with fair success. The attendence of a part of the scholars was much broken by sickness, notwithstanding the school appeared well at the examination.

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### DISTRICT No. 2.

Summer Term, Lowell H. Stearns, teacher. This school was suspended at the end of its first week, for two weeks, as a matter of precaution, and closed at the end of its fourth week, nearly all the pupils suffering from a prevailing epidemic.

Miss Jennie Wood, of Keene, taught the Fall Term to the general satisfaction of pupils and patrons. Miss Wood has had considerable experience and maintained good order.

The Winter Term, under the tuition of Mr. John P. Willey appeared well during its progress and at the close. Instruction was given in a practical form and the exercise in mental Arithmetic excellent.

### DISTRICT. No. 3.

The Summer and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Ella J. Gilbert, of Keene, with good success.

This school has made another excellent record. Against 8 scholars registered in the Summer Term, no tardy marks are recorded, and but 8 days absence to one, who was unable to attend by sickness that length of time.

Against 10 scholars registered in the Winter Term, no tardy marks and but 7 1-2 days absence in the whole, set to three different scholars. With such an interest as this manifested on the part of the scholars for punctuality, no one can reasonably doubt the progress they will make.

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### DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term taught by Miss Hattie Streeter, of Surry. The appearance of this school at its close indicated more than ordinary drill.

Lowell H. Stearns, taught the Winter term. Mr. Stearns labored faithfully and with a good degree of success. Absence and too great a variety of text books worked to the disadvantage of teacher and pupil.

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### DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Orra Isham of Marlow. That Miss Isham failed somewhat as an *instructor* in this her first attempt as teacher, may not be surprising. The discipline was good.

Mr. Dan. A. Hayward taught the second term. Mr. H. endeavored to interest as well as instruct his pupils. His success may best be judged from the fact of his being retained as teacher by private funds after the regular term.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Ella M. Hayward, taught Summer Term, a pleasant and orderly one, to the general acceptance of parents and pupils.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Josie H. Clark with excellent results ; thoroughness and order were prominent features.

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## DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term, Miss Vianna D. Mack brought with her long experience as teacher a determination to do all in her power for the advancement of the school. Scholars taking advantage of these conditions made good progress and appeared well at examination.

Mr. John P. Willey taught the Winter Term. As Mr. Willey had taught here the winter before, he entered the school well knowing its wants. The term was a success. Three weeks were added to the regular term by subscription.

## SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT ONE-HALF DAY.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

## Summer Term.

Frank E. Alexander.  
Andy J. Baker.  
Ella S. Bingham.  
Emma I. Bingham.  
Etta E. Caldwell.  
Ada D. Gates.  
Addie L. Mansfield.

## Winter Term.

Frank E. Alexander.  
Andy J. Baker.  
Onella H. Gates.  
Frank L. Knight.  
Henry E. Loiselle.  
Etta E. Caldwell.  
Emma L. Isham.

## DISTRICT No. 2.

## Summer Term.

Nellie A. Bingham.  
Ada E. Miller.  
Mamie A. Hammond.  
Elmer E. Minor.

## Fall Term.

Fred. S. Hayward.  
Chas. E. Hayward.

## Winter Term.

Clifford E. Banks.  
Fred. S. Hayward.  
Harry M. Hayward.  
Charlie E. Hayward.  
Gilbert W. Miller.  
Elmer E. Minor.  
Fay Newman.  
Louisa M. Miller.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

## Summer Term.

Willie E. Britton.  
Eddie B. Gunn.  
Charles G. Wilder.  
M. Luella Gunn.  
Lizzie J. Gunn.  
Alice E. Wilder.  
Ida M. Wilder.

## Winter Term.

Willie E. Britton.  
Eddie B. Gunn.  
Charles G. Wilder.  
M. Idella Gunn.  
Lizzie J. Gunn.  
Alice E. Wilder.  
Ida M. Wilder.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer Term.	Summer Term.
Arabella E. Stearns.	Katie A. Porter.
Hattie A. Wright.	Charles G. Carpenter.
Mary D. Carpenter.	Arthur D. Wright.

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## DISTRICT No. 5.

Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Dora C. Corey.	Jennie C. Guillow.
Lora J. Davis.	Alma L. Guillow.
Clara A. Guillow.	Emma B. Guillow.
Jennie C. Guillow.	Ora M. Nash.
Alma L. Guillow.	Clara E. Guillow.
Etta L. Howard.	Fred. W. Howard.
Fred. W. Howard.	

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## DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer Term.	Winter Term.
Ella J. Cross.	Hattie M. Alexander.
Ada L. Stone.	Fred W. Alexander.
Myra J. Stone.	
Fred. W. Alexander.	
Lucius H. Corey.	

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## DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer Term.
Effie Bates.
E. Clifford Banks.

DANIEL W. BILL,  
HERBERT E. ADAMS.

*Superintending School Committee.*

# GENERAL TABLE.

District.	Whole number of School- ars.		Average at- tendance.		Not absent $\frac{1}{2}$ day.		Instances of Prudential tardiness.		Visits by Prudential Committee.		Visits by Supt Committee.		Visits by Citizens and others.		Wages of Teachers per month including Board.	
	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.
No. 1,	19	21	17.7	15	6	6	1	0	1	1	2	2	18	10	\$28 00	\$27 00
No. 2,	32	34	15.3	30.1	4	8	8	8	0	2	2	2	5	39	28 00	32 00
*No. 2,	33			30.		9		35	2	2	2	2		37		32 00
No. 3,	8	10	7.8	9.8	7	7	0	0	1	0	2	2	26	23	18 00	20 00
No. 4,	13	18	11.9	11.8	6	2	16	13	2	2	2	2	20	42	24 00	26 00
No. 5,	17	17	15.9	7	7	5	23	0	0	2	2	2	6	10	22 40	31 00
No. 6,	8	9	6.8	7.9	5	3	0	1	0	1	2	2	18	25	21 00	21 00
*No. 7,	18	19	15.5	18.8	2	0	12	5	0	1	2	2	17	21	28 00	35 00

\*Fall Term.









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